

Public Notice

Application No. 408-LRC-2020-0036

Comment Period Begins: February 17, 2021 Comment Period Ends: February 24, 2021

PROPOSED ALTERATION TO A FEDERAL CIVIL WORKS PROJECT

REQUESTER: Lake County, Illinois Public Works Department

AFFECTED PROJECT: North Libertyville Estates Section 205 Flood Control

Project

PROPOSED ALTERATION: A new pipe will be installed to connect to a new pump

station. The 2-inch discharge pipe will go over the existing levee crest and discharge onto the riprap on the riverside. The pipe that connects the pump station and goes over the embankment is buried 3.5 feet below grade. The pump and landside pipes are all outside the project easement to the landside.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been received for permission for the activity described herein and as shown on the attached drawings. You are invited to provide your comments on the proposed work by the expiration date, which will become part of the administrative record and will be considered in the decision. A permission will be issued or denied under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408, "Section 408").

Written comments should be emailed to Section 408 Coordinator, Colin Smalley, at Chicago408@usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY:

This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408), and implementing regulations in Engineer Circular 1165-2-220.

EVALUATION FACTORS:

Proposed alterations are assessed to determine impacts to the *usefulness of the USACE Project*. The objective of this determination is to ensure that the proposed alteration will not limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized and will not compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes or outputs. All appropriate technical analyses including geotechnical, structural, hydraulic and hydrologic, real estate, construction, and operations and maintenance requirements, will be conducted, and the technical adequacy of the design will be reviewed.

Proposed alterations will also be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the *public interest*. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the USACE project may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each particular case. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be compared against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation.

The Corps of Engineers is also soliciting comments from the public, Federal, state and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed activity. Once this office completes a review of the comments received, it will be determined whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permission for this proposal.

To prepare this decision, comments are taken into consideration to assess impacts on the public interest factors listed above, as well as endangered species, historic properties, water quality, and general environmental effects. The District has made preliminary determinations for all required environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders in the attached document.